Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that these Assistant Registrars have been demanding money from these arbitrators and if they give, they will allot cases, otherwise not ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—It has not come to the notice of the Government. If the Hon'ble Member gives concrete instances, The Government is prepared to deal with them.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Next Question No. 317.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sri G. Duggappa is not present. I request the Chair to put the question so that answers may be elicited.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I put Question No. 317.

Part taken by the Cabinet Ministers in the Bye-Election to Parliament

317. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Bharamasagar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any of the present Cabinet Ministers has taken part in the Bye-election to Parliament seats from Mandya Constituency ;

(*b*) if so, the number of days the Minister and the Chief Minister have spent in Mandya District during the above Bye-elections ;

(*c*) the number of public meetings addressed by these Ministers during the election period ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes. *Vide* statement appended.

(*b*) *Vide* statement appended.

(*c*) *Vide* statement appended.

(SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA)

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Names and Designations of the Ministers who have taken part in the By-election to Parliament seats from Mandya Constituency.	The number of days the Ministers spent in Mandya District during the By-election.	The number of public meetings addressed by the Ministers during the election period.
1	2	3	4
1	Sri S. Nijalingappa, Chief Minister.	15-2-68 left Bangalore at 8-30 A.M. and returned at 10-10 P.M. He did not use the Government vehicle and no T. A. and D. A. was drawn by him.	4 Public meetings.
2	Sri Veerendra Patil, Minister for Public Works.	He visited Mandya on 16-1-68. The visit was private. He has not claimed T. A. and D. A. and the Government Vehicle was not used for the journey.	Nil
3	Sri K. Puttaswamy, Minister for Health and Housing.	Four days (from 16-1-68 to 19-1-68). He did not use the Government vehicle and he has not drawn any T. A. and D. A. during the above period.	3 Meetings.
4	Sri K. V. Shankara Gowda	About fifteen days. He did not use the Government vehicle and no T. A. and D. A. was claimed.	About 10 meetings.

I would like to make a small addition. In the Appendix given with reference to Sri Veerendra Patil, Minister for Public Works, it is said "Nil". But information has been given to me that he also addressed a few meetings on the 16th and 17th.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether Sri Veerendra Patil went there in his private capacity? Was it in connection with election work?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—These visits are all private. The places where meetings were addressed, were in connection with the election. All journeys were private.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Even though it is election work, is it private work?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I do not understand the question. Whenever there are elections, any Congress man, any Congress Minister, any other political party member, can go and address meetings. If he is a Minister, he cannot use Government cars for that purpose.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know when the Chief Minister was addressing meetings at Mandya, whether the whole area was cordoned off by Policemen and Police jeeps? Is it not a fact that hundreds of Policemen were present? If it is a private meeting or the visit was for a private purpose, where was the need for the Police to be there?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I think, my friend had been a Home Minister himself. The security arrangements have to be made and will be made, he must understand.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether there was any report that the security or peace of that area was disturbed?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Even if there are no reports, security arrangements will have to be made. My own impression is that during the meetings, some stones were thrown and some *galata* was made. I did not give much value to it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎ. ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ಮತ್ತು ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲರು ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಕೆಲವು ಭರವಸೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಮಂತ್ರಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲರಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ? ಅವರು ಬಂದಾಗ 10 ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ರಿಪೇರಿಯಾಗದಿದ್ದ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮೂರು ದಿವಸದೊಳಗೆ ರಿಪೇರಿಯಾದುದು ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ, ಇದು ಸರಿಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಹೋಗಬಹುದು. ಪಾರ್ಟಿ ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವುದಿರಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೂ ತಪ್ಪಿಲ್ಲ. ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲರು ಮೂರು ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಕೆರೆಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Just now the hon'ble Chief Minister was telling the House that during the election time, the Ministers went in their private capacity. Did they go in their personal capacity? But at the time of Tiptur Election, is it not a fact that Mr. Mohamed Ali, the Minister for Tourism, did go in a Government vehicle, parked his car in the Travellers' Bungalow and thereafterwards.....

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—This relates to Bye-election to Parliament seat from Mandya Constituency. So, how can the member put that supplementary?

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR—This is a very important matter. The Minister for Tourism rushed into the Mohammedan Mohalla, wherein he tried to rouse the communal feelings and religious sentiments of Mohammedans.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I cannot answer this question because to-day's question mainly refers to the Bye-election to Parliament seat from Mandya Constituency. As such, the supplementary of the hon. Member is an irrelevant question. If he is particular, he may ask another question.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Gangadhar's question does not arise, as I already said, this relates to the Bye-election to the Parliamentary seat from Mandya Constituency.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it or is it not a fact that during the one or two days he was there, the hon'ble Minister for Public Works performed some *guddali pooja* for the opening of some Channel work ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅಂಥದು ಯಾವುದೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅಷ್ಟು ದಡ್ಡರಲ್ಲ ನಾವು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಂಕರಗೌಡರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ 10-15 ದಿವಸ ಇದ್ದರು ಅವರು ಏನು ರಜದಮೇಲದ್ದರೇ, ಸಂಬಳ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ರಜಾ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಅವರ ಸ್ಥಾನ. 15 ದಿನವಲ್ಲ, ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದಿನವಿದ್ದರೂ ಏನೂ ತಪ್ಪಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಕೆಲವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ, ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ವೋಟು ಕೊಡದೆ ಹೋದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸ ಏನೂ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಉಂಟೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರು ಬಹಳ ಮೇಲಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Bridge across Veda River

318. Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government aware that the villagers of Doddapatnagere, Alagatta, Jiganehalli and Ballikere in Kadur Taluk are urging for the construction of a Bridge across Veda River near Doddapatnagere village for the last ten years ;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that carts, cattle and men cannot cross the Veda River during the rainy season and agricultural operations will suffer heavily, unless the long pending question is immediately solved ;

(*c*) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of the said bridge ;

(*d*) if so, whether Government propose to take up the construction work during the year 1968-69 ?